Federal Register on May 10, 2005 (70 FR 24697).

The actions of the Government of Syria in supporting terrorism, interfering in Lebanon, pursuing weapons of mass destruction and missile programs, and undermining United States and international efforts with respect to the stabilization and reconstruction of Iraq, pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue in effect the national emergency authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation and reexportation of certain goods to Syria and to maintain in force the sanctions to respond to this threat.

George W. Bush

The White House, May 8, 2006.

## Memorandum on Assignment of Function Relating to Granting of Authority for Issuance of Certain Directives

May 5, 2006

Memorandum for the Director of National Intelligence

Subject: Assignment of Function Relating to Granting of Authority for Issuance of Certain Directives

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby assign to you the function of the President under section 13(b)(3)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (15 U.S.C. 78m(b)(3)(A)). In performing such function, you should consult the heads of departments and agencies, as appropriate.

You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

### George W. Bush

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# Memorandum on Assignment of Function Concerning Assistance to Afghanistan

May 8, 2006

Memorandum for the Secretary of State, the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the Director of National Intelligence

Subject: Assignment of Function Concerning Assistance to Afghanistan

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, the function of the President under the heading "Economic Support Fund" in the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-102) that relates to waiver of a proviso is assigned to the Secretary of State. The Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Director of National Intelligence shall, consistent with applicable law, provide the Secretary of State with such information as may be necessary to assist the Secretary in the performance of such function.

The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

#### George W. Bush

NOTE: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on May 9. An original was not available for verification of the content of this memorandum.

# Remarks to Reporters in Coconut Creek, Florida

May 9, 2006

**The President.** I want to thank you all for joining us. I'm proud to be here with Secretary Leavitt. We're traveling the country